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In re the Application of **Barker**

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Application No. 09/837,539

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For: Medical Device with Shield Having a
Retractable Needle

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Petition is made to have this application made special, as it is related to the prevention of HIV/AIDS. The handling of medical devices after a needle is withdrawn from a patient can result in transmission of various pathogens, most notably human immune virus (HIV), due to an inadvertent needle stick to medical personnel. The present application is related to medical devices that shield the contaminated needle after use to prevent inadvertent needle sticks, thereby preventing the spread of HIV.

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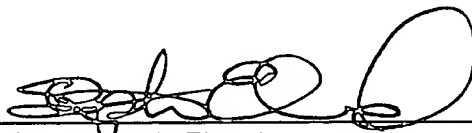
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